

GEORGE DYER, Jr., OWNER SCHOONER THREE BROTHERS.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 60.]

MARCH 3, 1840.

Mr. BURKE, from the Committee on Commerce, made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of George Dyer, jr., asking for bounty while employed in the cod fishery in 1835, report:*

That it appears by the papers presented by the petitioner that he was master of the schooner Three Brothers, of Belfast, Maine, of sixty-nine tons burden, during the fishing season of 1835: that he sailed from the port of Belfast on the 2d day of May of that year, to the Grand Bank, and returned on the 10th day of August: and that he again sailed on the 19th day of October, and returned on the 13th day of November: making, in the whole, including the days of departure and return, 117 days. It further appears that four of those 117 days were occupied by the petitioner in unloading and washing out his fish, which four days the collector at Belfast did not deem himself authorized by law to allow, admitting that, if they were reckoned, the four months required by the act of Congress of March 3, 1819, to entitle the petitioner to the bounty, would have been completed.

The committee believe that the days of departure and return should be included in the calculation of time; in which case, the petitioner completed the full term of four months, without the four days occupied in unloading and washing out his fish. If they are not included, the committee believe that it would be equitable, and within the spirit of the act relating to this subject, to reckon the four days occupied by the petitioner in unloading and washing out his fish.

In either view of the case, they believe the petitioner is entitled to the bounty, and they therefore report a bill.

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GEORGE DYER, A. OWNER SCHOONER THREE BROTHERS.

March, 1846.

Mr. Speaker, from the Committee on Commerce, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of George Dyer, Jr., asking for bounty on fish caught in the sea during the year 1835, report:

That it appears by the papers presented by the petitioner that he was master of the schooner Three Brothers, of Belfast, Maine, of sixty nine tons burden, during the fishing season of 1835; that he sailed from the port of Belfast on the 25 day of May of that year, to the Grand Bank; and returned on the 16th day of August; and that he again sailed on the 19th day of October, and returned on the 13th day of November; making in the whole including the days of departure and return, 117 days. It further appears that of those 117 days were occupied by the petitioner in unloading and washing out his fish, which four days the collector at Belfast has not been himself authorized by law to allow, admitting that if they were reckoned, the four months required by the act of Congress of March 3, 1815, for which the petitioner is the bounty, would have been completed. The committee believe that the days of departure and return should be included in the calculation of time; in which case, the petitioner completed the full term of four months, without the four days occupied in unloading and washing out his fish. If they are not included, the committee believe that it would be equitable, and within the spirit of the act relating to this subject, to reckon the four days occupied by the petitioner in unloading and washing out his fish. In either view of the case, they believe the petitioner is entitled to the bounty, and they therefore report a bill.

Wm. D. Rives, Chairman.